

GOSHEN'S SERMON STARTLES MANY

New Pastor of First Congregational Church Tells Beliefs.

PREACHES INITIAL SERMON

DISCARDS BAPTISM AND OTHER DOCTRINES AS UNNECESSARY.

His initial appearance as pastor of the First Congregational church yesterday forenoon Rev. E. H. Goshen made an address that startled his hearers. He laid down his doctrinal views, and some of them were so radically different from those usually expressed in the pulpit that scores of his hearers turned and gazed at each other almost breathless.

Facing one of the largest congregations ever seen in the church, in direct and forceful language he declared that while he was pastor of that church he would not preach belief in the divinity of Christ, nor the doctrine of the atonement, nor baptism as essentials to Christianity.

"The only essentials on which I shall stand," he said, "are the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the need of man for the guidance of a higher power."

He announced that he would not join the Ministerial association, would fight no special sect, and that his church should be open to the poor as well as the rich.

Prefacing his address with a reading from the thirteenth chapter of the second epistle to the Corinthians, he spoke in part as follows:

"I wish I had the eloquence to express to you today my appreciation of your effort in bringing me here, but I shall have to let the will of my work show what has been the consequence of your step. In coming before you today as your pastor I hope you realize the responsibility resting on each of us to make this place an element in a tremendous responsibility on both sides. I come to give you my best efforts as your pastor, and I come into a full and busy life."

He said that he had little time for making things which I know you will not require of me, but for the sick, the suffering, the poor or the distressed I shall have all the time there is. There shall be my care and to them I shall try to minister."

Place for Doubters to Come.

"I shall do the pulpit work of this church without help and without dictation, and I shall expect you who have called me here to do the same work. It is for us to make this place an element for good in the community. It is for us together to make it a place where honest conviction shall have room for its expression and where honest doubters shall come to find their way out of their doubts. And this responsibility rests not alone on a pastor, but on a congregation. Whenever this church shall have become such a condition that it is not a growing church and an element of growth and thought in the community it will be time for me to sever my connection with it. I shall expect such of you as are doubters to make it a church of Christ, in that it shall be as free to the poorest and the most down-trodden in your city as it is to the wealthiest and the most respected. I shall require that you make it a pleasant place for those who have withheld themselves from all church life."

Will Preach Modern Doctrine.

"You, in turn, have a right to expect much from me, and a right to know today what doctrine will be preached from this pulpit to which you have called me. And it is of that that I shall speak to you this morning. The doctrine which shall be preached from this pulpit will be first of all a modern one. It will conform to the ideas of enlightened men and women of today, not to the dogmas laid down by theologians a century or more ago. It will require of the people but few essentials, a belief in the fatherhood of God and a love for mankind. It will be a doctrine of God's love and power, and will teach the brotherhood of man. It will have nothing whatever to do with the non-essential differences of the various sects. It will discriminate by word or deed against no particular sect either in this community or elsewhere. It will aim to hold to that motto of one of the ablest of statesmen: 'In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty, and in all things, charity.'"

"Among the non-essentials I would class many of the so-called important differences of the various creeds. Take the matter of baptism alone. One man will maintain honestly enough that baptism must be by immersion, while another equally honest will hold that sprinkling is sufficient to save the soul of a man. I believe that baptism by water is a non-essential except as a form, and signifies nothing unless a man's soul is baptized by the fire of God's spirit, and I recognize no such thing as a saving ordinance."

Christ's Divinity Non-Essential.

"Another so-called important difference is on the divinity of Christ. United and true alike have made themselves misunderstood on this matter for years; and yet it is a non-essential when considered as an element in the life of Christ. I wonder how many of you have studied the matter and have seen that only two of the gospels mention the fact of the immaculate conception? It was a small matter to the apostles to whether his coming was miraculous or not, and his coming less to the enlightened people of today. I am too busy trying to live the life he taught to discuss with any one the dogma of the virgin birth. I am too busy trying to live the life he taught to discuss with any one the dogma of the virgin birth. I am too busy trying to live the life he taught to discuss with any one the dogma of the virgin birth."

Opposes Doctrine of Atonement.

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not be preached from this pulpit. The theory of the fathers that God became so angry with his own creatures that he refused to forgive them for their sins till he had taken the blood of a victim was a monstrous doctrine and is not in accord with our ideas of a righteous, a just and a loving Father. The people who are satisfied with the old-time religion will find no comfort here. They are well pleased with the progress of the world is making along all other lines, but there shall be no progress for them in religion. They are the men who, when asked if they thought this nation was sufficiently advanced as a nation to do away with capital punishment, said: 'No. Capital punishment was good enough for my ancestors and it is good enough for me.' The doctrine of atonement is good enough for them, but it does not satisfy the question in the minds of the thinking people of today as to the coming of Christ and his death."

"No association of ministers will be responsible for what is here taught. This pulpit will not be responsible for the doing of any such. I come to you as no special make of man to be specially honored as the occupant of this pulpit. All I ask is to be treated as another man among you; and the only essentials on which I shall stand are the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man and the need of man for the guidance of a higher power."

He is still as true as it was in the time of Christ that all that is necessary for a true life is to love the Lord with all his heart and thy brother as thyself."

Amusements.

The Grand was filled to the very utmost last night to hear the second of the Sunday evening concert. The vocalists, Helen and Fredrick Ward, who sang for her first number, "Habenera," the Gypsy song from "Carmen," responded in an encore song in much better voice "Rosalia." She was received enthusiastically, although her performance was much more commendable than her method of singing. The selections by the band were all good, the finest being the march "William Tell." The final climax with the storm effect was especially fine. One of the most unique features was the "Dance of the Doves," by Godfrey, and two numbers especially commendable were the cornet solo played by Leslie and the duet for the saxophone and flute which was a gem of a serenade played by Bendixen and Mackay.

"The Chaperons," a bright musical comedy, opened an engagement at the Theatre tonight. The play runs to Wednesday night.

American Fork, Oct. 11.—The "Our Wife" company had a hard time to get out of town. It was billed to play Friday night, but the weather was so bad during the day and went to the Grand hotel, where the proprietor, Mr. Nichols, told them they would have to wait until the coin before they could eat and sleep there. But the "boss" did not have the necessary dough, so offered his watch as security. Nichols told him he could not buy provisions with that and would have to have the money. He hurried for a pawn shop, but as that is something the town does not possess, he left the watch and the money in the pawnshop and returned to the hotel. The ladies proved themselves the better players by winning all the prizes in sight. Following the prize winners, ladies' first prize, fancy jar, Mrs. C. C. Cooper; second, fancy plate, Mrs. Ebert; gent's first prize, tobacco tin, Mrs. Stevenson, acting as gentleman, second, ash tray, Mrs. Livingston, also acting as gentleman.

Fraternities of America.

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Excess since the first of the month, .38 inch. Accumulated deficiency in precipitation since Jan. 1, .39 inch.

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SECRET SOCIETIES

Macabees.

Utahian tent No. 12, K. O. T. M. met in I. O. O. F. hall on Wednesday evening last. After the reading of new members and the transaction of the regular business, the members got together under the good of the order and an enjoyable time. Refreshments and cigars were in evidence and short talks were had by the members present.

Salt Lake tent No. 2 is going to try to make its membership reach the 100 mark by the first of the year. The tent will give an entertainment and smoker next Thursday evening. The committee having this in charge is working hard to make it a success and promises a very pleasant evening to all who attend. The uniform rank has elected a new set of officers and expects to become an important factor in the life of the organizations of the state. It will give a ball at Christensen's on the 25th of the month and invite all Macabees and friends to come.

Banner hive No. 11 held a very pleasant review last Tuesday evening. Twelve applications for membership were received. Five experts to have fifty new members initiated by Jan. 1st. Tuesday, the 13th, Ladies Hickey, Bayes, Wilkenson and Clancy will entertain the hive and friends at 5 p. m. All Macabees and their friends are invited.

Salt Lake City hive No. 4 held a regular review Tuesday evening last and a number of applications were received. The new rate for members is still good till Jan. 1, 1904, and every member is expected to help increase the membership.

Women of Woodcraft.

Salt Lake circle No. 159 had one of the largest meetings Tuesday evening since its organization. Visiting members from Woodbine, Silver Maple, Segal Lily of Ogden and Parkway, Elliott, Fisher were present. Several applications were read and two candidates were initiated. A committee of three ladies was appointed to confer with like committees from Woodbine and Silver Maple circles for a chip picking contest. The committee received everything in readiness for the dime social to be given in Modern Woodmen hall next Wednesday evening.

Woodbine circle No. 41 met with all officers and members in attendance. The tendance of neighbors was small owing to the fair being in progress. Some attention was given to the fair in the evening. There were visiting neighbors from Los Angeles, Salt Lake, Silver Maple and Park City circles.

P. N. G.

The P. N. G. club had a very enjoyable time at the home of Mrs. Nickerson Thursday afternoon. The names of those present were: Madeline, Fisher, Vinegar, Ulmer, Stains, Jeffries, Maroney, Pendleton, Darke, Harvey, Price, Campbell, Hadley, Shawaker, Elliott, Schuler, Farnsworth, Nickerson, Boes, Hawkins. During the afternoon each of the following ladies were presented with a gold pin as a token of regard: Mrs. Jenkins, P. N. G. of Silver Leaf lodge, Park City; Mrs. Hadley, N. G. of Omena lodge, Murray, Stains, P. N. G. of Meridian lodge, Salt Lake and Mrs. Moore, P. N. G. of Elmwood lodge, Salt Lake. Mrs. Farnsworth, a P. N. G. of Naomi lodge, Salt Lake, was also presented with a set of rings. This evening the feature of the evening was the serving of a delicious lunch in delicate china that is nearly 200 years old.

Degree of Honor.

The next regular meeting of Star of the West lodge No. 151 will be held Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Nickerson. Two candidates will be initiated at that time. A large attendance is expected. At the same party the ladies of the lodge will prove themselves the better players by winning all the prizes in sight. Following the prize winners, ladies' first prize, fancy jar, Mrs. C. C. Cooper; second, fancy plate, Mrs. Ebert; gent's first prize, tobacco tin, Mrs. Stevenson, acting as gentleman, second, ash tray, Mrs. Livingston, also acting as gentleman.

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SCORES THE MORMONS

Dr. W. Phraner of New York Preaches in the Second Presbyterian Church.

Dr. W. G. Phraner of New York made an attack on Mormonism at the Second Presbyterian church yesterday morning. "There is one problem which is before you people of this section perhaps more vital than any other," he said, "it is the problem of Mormonism. Here in the very heart of this country, in this beautiful and fertile valley, we have a wealthy, arrogant, aggressive, defiant ecclesiastical despotism which dominates the people. And the question is: What are we going to do about it? One thing is certain—that Mormonism must surrender its customs and traditions, which are in violation of the law of the land, or it must suffer the consequences. Some of these obnoxious customs and practices have already been surrendered, at least professedly, but the spirit of the system abides, which spirit, in so far as it contravenes the principles of our government and the moral sentiments of our people, will be obliged to give way."

Dr. Phraner also took up the labor problem and spoke of the agitation which is arousing in the different sections of the country. He spoke of the race problem of immigration, of the difficulties of the future of the United States and of the Anglo-Saxon race, and the work of the church, especially the Presbyterian in the shaping of this destiny. He announced his belief in the supremacy of the peoples of the United States and Great Britain.

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